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ABSTRACT

The present invention is directed to a system and method for allowing a user to conveniently receive an incoming wireless telephone call. After the phone rings once, the receiving party checks his caller ID and realizes he wants to take the call but does not want to disrupt his/her current surroundings. The user receiving the call presses a pre-programmed soft key on the phone. The phone plays a prerecorded message audible only to the calling party. While the message is played, the user has the opportunity to exit a crowded public area or meeting place. The prerecorded message is stored in memory on the phone itself in one embodiment of the invention. In another embodiment of the invention, the memo is stored externally from the phone, within the network infrastructure equipment or perhaps in yet another third party location accessible in real (or near real) time.